(c) the details of the exports though the Machilipatnam port during the last three-years; and

(d) the amount of the income earned during the last three years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Machilipatnam Port is a minor Port under the administration of the State Government. The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 300 crores in the State Plan for the development of the Port during the 7th Five Year Plan. As per information supplied by the State Government an amount of Rs. 40.00 lakhs has been spent during 1985-86. During 1986-87 an amount of Rs. 105 lakhs is estimated to be spent. During 1987-88 it is proposed to spend Rs. 105 lakhs on this minor port.

(c) According to the State Govt. during 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, the Port handled 5880 tonnes, 40,818 tonnes and 79,340 tonnes of fertiliser respectively (imports). There were no exports.

(d) According to the State Government the revenue derived during 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 was Rs. 98649, Rs. 135051 and Rs. 1,79,004 respectively.

Tender committees for alloting coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling work at Allahabad, Kanpur and Tundla rail sheds

2354. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and designation of J. A. Grade Officers who were nominated by the Divisional Railway Manager to function as Members of Tender Committee for deciding tenders invited in year 1986 for Coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling work at Allahabad, Kanpur, and Tundla rail sheds, separately;

(b) whether the members were fully apprised of the latest circulars and policy directives issued by the Railway Board from time to time to deal with the cases of Labour Cooperative Societies; and

(c) whether members of Committee were given sweeping powers by the Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad, to amend/supplement and violate specific terms and conditions of tenders embodied in the draft agreement and Instructions to Tenderers supplied to the individual tenderers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Use of Rangafala Navigable Channel for Calcutta Port

2355. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government Consideration to use the Rangafala Navigable Channel for Calcutta Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The channel has been opened only for daylight navigation from 19th February, 1987.

German consultancy for Railway Information Network

2356. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Indian agents of the German Consultants whose

information system is under consideration of the Railways for its network;

(b) whether there is any substitute Indian technology of the identical efficiency and capability; and

(c) whether the Railways are considering Indian technology also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No information system by German Consultants is under consideration of the railway and there is no Indian agent.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Improvement of Calcutta Port

2357. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to dig a channel in the middle of the Balari Bar at Calcutta Port to divert the flow of water so that the entry of vessels is not affected;

(b) if so when it is likely to be taken up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is proposed to improve the navigational channel over Balari Bar by means of capital dredging and necessary river training works.

(b) and (c) The river training works are in progress and capital dredging is expected to be taken up by Dec. '87.

Dangerous effect of Amidopyrine

2358. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subcommittee of Drug Consultative Committee recommended in 1980 that fixed dose combination of Analgin may be immediately withdrawn from the market;

(b) whether it is a fact that Amid-opyrine has been banned by Government for human use in the country;

(c) whether Analgin is the sodium sulphonate of 'Amidopyrine;

(d) whether Analgin causes the same blood disease as discovered by using Amidopyrine; and

(e) if so, the reasons in allowing this drug and its combination of sale in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Boston Epidemiogical studies have proved that the incidence of blood diseases as an adverse reaction due to Analgin is insignificant and its extent is no where comparable to that of Amidopyrine.

(e) In view of reply to (d) the continued marketing of analgin is justified.

Second Approach for Delhi Jn. from Kashmere Gate Side

2359. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the final decision taken for provision of second ap-